

John interview at Leavenworth- side 1

"James said to talk to Foreman. He didn't say nothing about hiring him. He didn't say hire 'im."

Less than half way first side, Maplewood, volunteered

On p. 8 Foreman getting "our" money.

Side 2

Quarter way through says Foreman said James always arguing case of conspiracy and Foreman said this would make him look like he was part of the conspiracy.

John doesn't remember Hooker's name but remembers Foreman talking about him.

When it came to the guilty plea Foreman said he'd argue that "ing was a Communist. Thus short sentence.

First time he talked about James "burning" was when he went to Clayton. Prior to then insisted he have him "walking the streets."

John then picked Foreman up at motel and took to Carol's.

"He hadda have him plead guilty. He asked the old man about it"

"He asked the old man would he hadda go to trial.

I asked "what would he testify about? John: "I don't know/"

He wanted to get the whole family yo write James to get him to plead guilty. "For some reason he wanted my sister more than the rest of us. He wanted us, too, but I guess he figured maybe a woman...2

"They was gonna make an example out of him", James. Rhey-Memphis.

"There would be a special jury, not ordinary people. They were worried about what would happen if there was no conviction. "The black people would burn down the city."

"Foreman want a me and Jerry to walk out with him after the trial to make it look like we agreed with him. I wouldn't do it. I went out the back door. I told Jerry 'come along with me.'" The knew he wanted to con the newspapermen, John says. "Go outside and talk to them on TV and "be photographed with him." "He wanted us to that say that that was the best thing that could happen to him...pleadin' guilty."

"Foreman painted a rosy picture to us. If he pleaded guilty to that he'd get 'im out in 4-5 years. "Nother thing, he'd be a hero to the inmates. and another thing, all he'd have to do is escape any time he wanted to," because the guards and inmates would help him.

The morning of the trial Foreman was still worried. Jimmy had expressed doubt. "He told me he didn't know what to do but he still had 2-3 days." The morning of the minitrial Foreman said he had to hurry over to the jail to be sure that James was going to go through with it.

"I think he was gonna fire Foreman. But the judge had already told him that he wasn't gonna fire any more attorneys, so ething like that." End side 2, dub 1

Other lawyers "legalized thieves," with special ref -allye. Belli (belly not ~~nt~~ Bell-lee)

Foreman was "all upset" after the guilty plea. He said "I probably could gotten a hung jury outta them, not doubt about that, surprising John, " most four or five years. He didn't say that before the trial He said it after the trial Then he went down and taked to the newspaper boys in the lobby."

"He hadda typewriter, see, from down at a store. He called this woman up. He had paid a months ' rent and he wanted two weeks back. About six dollars. And he was gettin' on this woman about this typewriter. He kept arguin and called 'em a buncha thieves about this typewriter. Called 'em a buncha thieves. And he said "What kinda racket do you run

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over there? And it was a woman he was talkin' to." They gave John "four dollars - it might be ^{three} two dollars. Wasn't much."

On getting the money out of the bank, "He run down the street. He out-run me."

Back in Foreman's room he was acting guilty. "He was settin in the bed there. And these newspaper guys call up and he cussed 'em out. He cussed everybody out. His face get ma red when he gets mad. He'd tell 'em how ignorant they are. That how he talked to the newspaper men. I don't know what they asked him. He just cussed 'em out. He'd act mad and he'd hang up and he laughed about it. There was a bout four or five of 'em ge bawled out." When he was questioned, "He was mad. He was upset." Questions about plea

end size on, cassette 2, numbered Dub 3
Gap in dub about beaker of Scotch?

On not being a le to afford appeal: "He can't spend his money and time being tied up 3-4 years. He's kinda money-crazy anyway. "

"He was hot about Huie. Called him a no-good something or other. He was really hot about it. "

Tell Jim in here it sounds like Huie threw the case away and with it Foreman's cut of the book.

Foreman knew there was going to be no money in the contracts and told John he didn't want to be tied up for 4-5 years.

I wondered why he was mad at Huie about it.

Midway this side what I'd forgotten. He got a phone call from an unknown saying the heat was on and King was killed or going to be killed.

John knew Foreman and Huie had a contract because he heard Foreman's side of a phone conversation in which Foreman expressed his satisfaction.

Bank robber, Scott, FBI informer. 75% through this side.

"He pleaded guilty and got 99 years to keep this information hush-hush...to keep this information from coming out....I couldn't give that information out neither. ...I can tell you one thing but I wouldn't tell you anything about it." But he also said "I don't have no idea who was behind it," the King assassination. He presumes the FBI may have had a part in it. and what he knows "had nothing to do with the killing."

(The Quincy trips are more explicitly stated than I'd recalled.)